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SUBJECT: NEW FEDERAL OFFICES IN BERLIN

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1. WE AND OTHER ALLIES HAVE KEPT FONOFF AWARE OF OUR STRONG DESIRE FOR CONSULTATIONS ON PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE FEDERAL PRESENCE IN BERLIN, AND IN PARTICULAR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION RESEARCH INSTITUTE, PER REFTEL. AT MARCH 14 MEETING OF BONN GROUP THE FONOFF REP (LUECKING) REPORTED THAT HE HAD AGAIN CALLED WEISS OF HOUSING MINISTRY ON PREVIOUS DAY. WEISS HAD ASSURED LUECKING THAT THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF LOCATING THE PROPOSED INSTITUTE IN BERLIN WERE WELL KNOWN AT "HIGHEST LEVELS" OF HIS MINISTRY.

2. WEISS ALSO SAID (AND WE HAVE CONFIRMED THIS MORNING) THAT THE HOUSING MINISTRY BUDGET (INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION RESEARCH INSTITUTE AS LINE ITEM) WOULD NOT COME BEFORE THE BUNDESTAG MARCH 15 SINCE ULTIMATE
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LOCATION HAD NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. (LUECKING SAID

WEISS HAD BECOME CONVINCED IT WOULD NOT BE WISE TO DISCUSS THE INSTITUTE WITH LOCATION SPACE BLANK.)

3. LUECKING ALSO TOLD US HE HAD WRITTEN A LETTER TO THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY RECOUNTING KREUTZER'S COMMENTS TO ALLIED MINISTERS IN BERLIN (BONN 2800) AND CONVEYING AN ALLIED REQUEST TO BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF ANY SUCH PLANNED DEVELOPMENTS IN TIMELY FASHION. LUECKING SAID HE HOPED TO HAVE A REPLY SOON. COMMENT: WE HAD SUGGESTED THAT LUECKING MIGHT WISH TO MAKE HIS WRITTEN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF KREUTZER'S REFERENCES TO APPROVAL FOR THE NEW PROJECTS BY BRANDT AND BAHR. THE SPECIAL QUESTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION RESEARCH INSTITUTE - ABOUT WHICH THE ALLIES ORIGINALLY LEARNED IN THE PRESS LAST FALL - HAS NOT SO FAR REAPPEARED IN THE NEWS, AND THE FONOFF WELL UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO KEEPING THE MATTER CONFIDENTIAL.

4. LUECKING ALSO NOTED APOLOGETICALLY THAT HE HAS AS YET NO NEW INFORMATION TO REPORT ON THE ADDITIONAL AGENCIES MENTIONED BY KREUTZER (NATIONAL CULTURAL FOUNDATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INSTITUTE) BUT PROMISED TO PURSUE THE MATTER.
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